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*SACRED HEART FATHERS Fr. Jim Matthews, scj - Fr Blaise Nsangou, scj - Deacon Terry Simms*

**Words of appreciation next week from our missionaries: Frs Tim Greenway and John Boles**

Saturday 24th 5 pm Ann Rose RIP .

Sunday 25th 11.30 am Thank to our parishioners from Molly Wallis and family (see below)

Tuesday 12 noon Frank Wilson RIP Wednesday 12 noon Tom Barrow RIP, Brian Callinan RIP

Thursday 29th 12 noon Requiem Mass for Eileen Corallo. RIP. Regular Mass goes welcome.

Friday 12 noon Terry & Margaret Simms intentions. Dante La Bella RIP

Saturday 5 pm Teresa Grice intentions. Sunday 1st August 11.30 Anda Cosic - Recently deceased.

**We pray for our sick:** Teresa Grice, Winifred Leanaghan, Mary Geraldine Collins, Evelyn Neary, Vera Henderson. **Latelty Dead:** Eileen Corallo, Carol Hogan, John Taylor, Edna Pugh (101).

**Eileen Corallo RIP.** We continue to pray for the happy repose of the soul of Eileen Corallo. Our sincere condolences to her children: Matthew, Angela, Veronica and Damian. She married John Corallo (1938 – 2018) in 1966. They had a gents wear shop on Hillgate. Eileen's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 29th July at 12 noon, prior to interment at Mill Lane at 1.30 pm.

**Molly Wallis and family** have asked that a Mass of thanksgiving be offered up this Sunday for the intentions of our parish family, for their prayers, kindness and support since Tom's death. All the family appreciate the warmth and care from this special group of people. Thank you from Molly and family.

**CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO ONGOING MASS ATTENDANCE.**

For the time being it is recommended we continue to use sanitiser at entrance and exits at St Joseph's. Face coverings will still be compulsory when there is congregational singing (weekend Masses) and strongly recommended at all other times. Our stewards will continue to ensure people feel safe in our church, including social distancing, especially at weekend masses. We will monitor capacity and social distancing. We will experiment with allocating a section of the church, on the right hand side, for people who feel comfortable without social distancing. We will make sure such worshippers can be reached for the distribution of Communion. Your financial contributions continue to be appreciated in the basket and green buckets as you enter or leave the church.

We do not foresee the parish Hall reopening safely till September. Our Risk Assessment at the moment, together with the ongoing spreading of the virus in the Northwest, suggests we wait awhile.

**PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen

**2 Kings 4:42-44** ·

*They will eat, and have some left over*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

**Psalm 144** R. *You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. R.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is R.

just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. R.

**Ephesians 4:1-6** · *One Body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**John 6:1-15** *The feeding of the five thousand* Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough, he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY.** Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, taking place for the first time today, on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20). Bishop Denis Nulty, chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family (in Ireland) has welcomed Pope Francis' World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, as a timely reminder for the whole Church to be close to all the elderly and grandparents at this time of pandemic. Bishop Nulty said, "There have been so many unsung heroes and heroines during the pandemic – grandparents and elders, including our older priests and religious – all who are to be applauded for how they have coped with the challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a society we have learned a lot from their stoicism and pragmatism in the face of so many challenges. "Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has reminded us to value the many gifts of grandparents and the elderly. In his theme chosen for this inaugural year "I am with you always", the Holy Father is highlighting that promise of closeness that generations share with each other. Not only are our young people called to be present in the lives of older people, but so too grandparents and elders have a mission to encourage young people on their faith journey. Our little domestic churches are always enriched by the inclusion of grandparents and elders."